

# **Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah**

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**T**he Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Roll Call consisted of the following:

Blair Camp,	Council Chair – Conducted
Brett Hales,	Councilmember
Diane Turner,	Councilmember – Excused
Jim Brass,	Councilmember
Dave Nicponski,	Councilmember

Others who attended:

Ted Eyre,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Kennedy,	City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Janet Lopez,	Council Administrator
Craig Burnett,	Police Chief
Jon Harris,	Fire Department
Steve Roberson,	Fire Department
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Justin Zollinger,	Finance Director
Tim Tingey,	Administrative and Development Services Director
Blaine Haacke,	Power Department General Manager
Tom Harvey,	Senior Utility Planner
Scouts	
Citizens	

## **7. Opening Ceremonies**

### **7.1 Pledge of Allegiance – Kyle Bird**

Mr. Camp asked the scouts in attendance to introduce themselves and state their troop number and the badge they are working on.

### **7.2 Approval of Minutes**

#### **7.2.1 Council Meeting – July 7, 2015**

Mr. Brass made a motion to approve the minutes  
Mr. Hales seconded the motion

Voice vote taken, all “ayes.”

### **7.3 Special Recognition**

#### **7.3.1 Murray City Council Employee of the Month, Tom Harvey, Engineering – Senior Utility Planner, Power Department.**

Staff Presentation: Blaine Haacke, Power Department General Manager  
Brett Hales, Councilmember

Mr. Hales said the Council started the Employee of the Month few years ago. They felt it was important to be able to recognize the City’s employees. He presented Mr. Harvey with a certificate, a \$50 gift card and told him that his name would appear on the plaque located in the Council Chambers. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Harvey for all he does for the City.

Mr. Haacke stated Mr. Harvey’s title is Senior Utility Planner. A Senior Utility Planner takes care of the walk-in contractors that come to the Power Department and want to do work in the City. Mr. Harvey designs and builds part of the City’s infrastructure. He tells the contractors where to put new poles and conductors and helps them when they go into subdivisions and build new homes and businesses.

Mr. Harvey and one other Senior Utility Planner are the ones that keep the line crews busy. He started with the City about 25 ½ years ago and has been a Utility Planner for all of those years. He volunteers for projects that sometime take him out of his comfort zone. Right now, Mr. Harvey is in charge of the project on 5900 South and 500 West as the lead design person. He works with UDOT people and contractors that are sometimes difficult to work with.

The biggest thing that Mr. Harvey has probably been a part of is the transmission rebuild he was involved with in 2006. The City went from 46,000 volts to 138,000 volts. They replaced poles with 90 foot poles; it was a big project. It was millions of dollars that Mr. Harvey was involved with and in charge of.

Mr. Harvey and his wife have five children and three grandchildren. His wife works for Midvale City. Mr. Harvey runs, bikes, and golfs. He and his wife are University of Utah fans. His favorite football team is the Miami Dolphins.

Mr. Harvey wants to make everybody his friend and volunteers when he doesn't have to. He watches the front lobby when they are understaffed; helping customers and answering phones. He also does blue staking which is one of the harder jobs the Power Department does.

Mr. Haacke told Mr. Harvey the Power Department values his employment; 25 years is a long time. It is about being dedicated and loyal. It says a lot about an employee who supports management; questions at the right time, but not in a "rocking the boat" kind of way. That is the way Mr. Harvey is.

**8. Citizen Comments** (Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.)

**Bob Dunn – Boys and Girls Club**

Mr. Dunn stated Emily Carvajal is the Boys and Girls Club of Murray Youth of the Year, she won that in December. From that competition, she went on to the Boys and Girls Club of South Valley and won that in January. She then competed in the Boys and Girls Clubs throughout the State of Utah and won that also. Last week, she went to California and competed against kids from all over the United States and won the Pacific Regional Youth of the Year. She is an amazing kid and she deserves this. She didn't care if she won or not. In the end she wanted everyone to succeed, she is very humble. She is one of the top five kids in the United States. She gets to go to Washington D.C. in September and meet the President. Mr. Dunn asked Ms. Carvajal to say a few words.

Ms. Carvajal thanked the Council. She said it was a humbling experience. She competed against people that were just like her and kids that came from the same background as she did. They are all club kids under one organization. She said she did not necessarily look at this as a competition. She loves everyone she competed against and considers them her Boys and Girls Club family. She won a \$40,000 scholarship which will pay for her entire four-year Bachelor's Degree.

Ms. Carvajal said this was an amazing experience. She is grateful for everything that Murray and the Club have done for her during the Youth of the Year process.

Mr. Dunn recognized Terra Buero who was the staff member that took Ms. Carvajal and made a big difference. Ms. Carvajal also had to really challenge herself. She had to stay home and do homework instead of going out and doing fun things. She is a great kid.

Mr. Nicponski asked about what types of things the kids do for the competition.

Ms. Carvajal replied contestants have to submit a speech and three essays: one on a healthy lifestyle, one on their personal brand and one on academic excellence. They also have to get three letters of recommendation that incorporate those three topics. The judges receive the speech and essays ten days before the competition. They evaluate the essays and ask the contestants questions. The contestants have to make a speech and meet individually with all the judges.

Mr. Dunn introduced LeAnn Saldivar, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salt Lake. He said the Murray Boys and Girls Club are merging with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salt Lake. The papers were signed on July 1, 2015. This will make a huge difference in this and all the communities that are involved.

Ms. Saldivar said her and Mr. Dunn are excited about this new opportunity for the Boys and Girls Clubs. They are so proud of these kids. Ms. Saldivar and Mr. Dunn share a passion for kids like Ms. Carvajal and trying to change and save more lives of kids in the community. They feel like they can do so much more together than they have been able to do apart. Everything is going well and they are excited for the future.

Ms. Saldivar said she cannot thank the City, Mayor and Council enough. She has never seen a city that supports its Boys and Girls Club better than Murray anywhere in this region. She congratulated them on recognizing a really great institution and being there for them for many years.

Mr. Camp told Mr. Dunn he appreciated the letter he sent out with the detailed explanation of the merger.

**9. Consent Agenda**

9.1 None scheduled.

**10. Public Hearings**

10.1 None scheduled.

**11. Unfinished Business**

11.1 None scheduled.

**12. New Business**

- 12.1 Consider a Resolution approving an agreement between Murray City (“City”) and the Redevelopment Agency of Murray City (“RDA”) for the construction and maintenance by the City of pickle-ball courts on RDA property located at 166 East Myrtle Avenue.

Staff presentation: Tim Tingey, Administrative and Development Services Director

Mr. Tingey said this property was acquired by the Redevelopment Agency last month. The property is approximately a half acre that is adjacent to Murray Park. This proposal includes an agreement that would have the City utilize that site, which will still be Redevelopment Agency property, for this open space use; pickle-ball courts.

Doug Hill, Public Services Director, submitted some information related to this. It includes six pickle-ball courts, a pedestrian connection from Myrtle Avenue to the park. It also includes a bridge and trail over the creek, landscaping, and a plaza area at the entrance along Myrtle Avenue and parking spaces at the entrance. That is what will be located at the site if this agreement is approved.

Mr. Tingey said from the prospective of redeveloping this property; this is a great use for this property. It will enhance the area and provide additional amenities. Mr. Tingey is recommending approval of this agreement. He said the Redevelopment Agency has already considered this as well.

Mr. Brass made a motion to adopt the Resolution  
Mr. Nicponski seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

A Mr. Brass  
A Mr. Hales  
A Mr. Nicponski  
A Mr. Camp

Motion passed 4-0

- 12.2 Consider a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake (“UPD”) and Murray City (“City”) for major traffic collision investigations.

Staff presentation: Craig Burnett, Police Chief

Chief Burnett said this is an agreement the Police Department is looking at entering into with the Unified Police Department. They have some technology the City has been utilizing a lot lately. They have a piece of equipment that is used to diagram crime scenes and reconstruct traffic accidents. It takes thousands and thousands of digital pictures. The City is not prepared to spend the money for our

own system yet, but they have been used on the last three homicides and some of our major traffic accidents.

The Unified Police Department are more than willing to do this with the City. They have offered we enter into this agreement with them which will make the City part of their team. Several other agencies within the valley are part of this team. The City is responsible for our own manpower, but we will get the training, equipment, and expertise. This is a good setup for the City to save some money because it would cost the City over \$100,000 to purchase our own equipment.

Mr. Nicponski said it is reassuring to him that the City engages in a Cooperative Interlocal Agreement instead of duplicating efforts. He thinks that is to be commended and he appreciates Chief Burnett going through that methodology with them.

Chief Burnett said they are all trying to do the same job and it helps if they all work together.

Mr. Camp asked if this agreement has already been approved by the Unified Police Department.

Chief Burnett replied yes. Sandy, South Salt Lake, South Jordan, and West Jordan are already part of this agreement. They are the ones that provided the agreement for the City and it is something they came to us and asked us to be part of.

Mr. Nicponski made a motion to approve the Resolution  
Mr. Hales seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

  A   Mr. Brass

  A   Mr. Hales

  A   Mr. Nicponski – disclosed he works with the Unified Police Department from time to time as a contractor.

  A   Mr. Camp

Motion passed 4-0

- 12.3 Consider acknowledgement of official notification of the Police Department intent to apply for the 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

Staff presentation: Craig Burnett, Police Chief

Chief Burnett said this is a grant the Police Department participates in every year. The amount they receive depends on the year and crime rate as well as some other things. The worse the crime rate is, the more money we get. They are getting less

money this year than last year which means things are looking a little better in some respects.

This year they will be receiving \$26,493. They intend to use this grant money to purchase four additional in-car camera systems. The Justice Department has approved this also. At one point, all the police cars were outfitted with in-car cameras. That system became obsolete so they have been using grants to purchase body cameras and in-car cameras.

Mr. Hales made a motion to approve an acknowledgement of official notification  
Mr. Brass seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

<u>A</u>	Mr. Brass
<u>A</u>	Mr. Hales
<u>A</u>	Mr. Nicponski
<u>A</u>	Mr. Camp

Motion passed 4-0

### 13. **Mayor**

#### 13.1 Report

Mayor Eyre commended all the people involved in the Relay for Life that was held last Friday night. It was successful. It was headed up from the City by Councilmember Jim Brass with the assistance of Jan Lopez.

Mayor Eyre is not sure of the final numbers but before the event started they had already collected over \$28,000. The money that comes in helps with cancer research and support. It was a privilege for him to be over there and see all the participation. He thanked Mr. Brass, Ms. Lopez and everyone else in the City that was involved in putting that event together.

Mayor Eyre stated there was also a successful food truck rally and several hundred to close to 1,000 people who attended the movie in the park last Friday also. There was a blood drive going on too. Mayor Eyre said he was at the park the next morning and you could not even tell there had been an event in that park because it was so cleaned up. He commended the Parks Department for the way they organize things. They had the Police, volunteers from the Fire Department, and the Police Cadets all helping with the events in the park that night.

Mayor Eyre said he took part in a news conference that was held the park this morning. They were interviewing him and three other Mayor's and representatives from cities for a program that was set up by the Utah Rivers

Council to distribute rain barrels to members of communities that want to collect rain water for the irrigation of their own gardens, flower beds, lawns, etc. Murray was the first and only city to be involved with this last year. With the success that Murray had last year, there were three other cities that came on board: Sandy, Park City, and Ogden and they were all at the news conference.

When the City first initiated this program last year, it was anticipated that we would be able to sell 100 of these rain barrels. They sold instantly, so the City had to order more barrels. The City supplements the cost of the barrels through the Water Department. The actual cost of the barrels are \$129 each, and the City sells them to residents for \$40 apiece. At the end of the program, 460 barrels were sold to 244 residents within the City. Because of that, these other cities decided to join the program this year and the hope is that more cities will join.

Mayor Eyre said one fact that he did not know before he was involved with this program is that up to 70% of the water used in our homes is used outside the house for lawns, gardens and everything else. Murray City, Danny Astill, and the Water Department should be commended for kicking this program off and making it such a success.

Mayor Eyre said Jan Wells, Chief Administrative Officer has been working with a program called Kids Eat. A lady in the community, Linda Brown, has been collecting food on her own to put in 40 different backpacks every single Friday. She distributes these backpacks full of enough food for seven meals to kids over at the Boys and Girls Club so they will be able to have food on the weekend that they otherwise would not have. She does this week after week.

The City has put together a program that will run August 3-12, 2015 where large collection barrels will be out for people to bring food to put in these backpacks so these kids will have food to eat on the weekends. The City will be divided into four different teams. There will be a friendly competition between the departments on which department can donate the most food.

#### 13.2 Questions for the Mayor

Mr. Brass said he felt very strong about the Relay for Life. The Council had a team a long time ago when he first came on the Council. Jan Lopez helped organize everything for the Council team. They raised about \$3,300 within their team. There was a great City turnout. He thanked everyone who participated in it.

### 14. Adjournment